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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 8, 2007, for which a shortened statutory period for reply has been set at three (3) months. This Amendment is being filed to expedite resolution of the above-referenced Application and to remove issues from appeal and/or adopt the Examiner's suggestions. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the **Claims** are included beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.